



THE CENTRE CALL

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by Rabbinic Intern Ari Witkin

What I find most compelling about the relationship between the season's changes and the Jewish calendar is the experience of beginning the annual Torah reading cycle anew as the earth prepares to rest. In some ways, this feels counterintuitive. Should we not

start the new cycle of reading in the month of Nissan, with the budding newness of spring? The creation narrative with which we begin is, after all, about new life and the emergence of flora and fauna. Why does our annual cycle begin then at what feels like the end of the nature's calendar year?

While spring may be when the first signs of a new year appear from the ground, that newness, actually begins with the fall. I like to imagine that the fall's winds and great transformation are akin to the primordial craziness the Torah describes as *tohu v'vohu*, and that the winter which follows is the like the darkness out of which God created the world. Our spiritual journey, like the earth's, moves in cycles making it difficult to pinpoint an actual beginning. Though that may be the case, in marking a beginning, or a period of newness, we can see the ways in which any particular moment is both informed by what came before it and sets the stage for what is to come.

Just as the falling of the leaves and the death of plants feed the soil with rich nutrients from which spring's flowers will bloom, so too does our return to Bereshit's ancestral narratives set the stage for our dramatic story of redemption. In this way, both the physical and spiritual autumn season serve as a sort of reset through which we return to familiar things, whether that be the stories of Abraham and Sarah or the smell of pumpkin spice lattes, as completely new selves.

The Jewish calendar punctuates the time between the summer and fall, between Tishrei, a month of holidays, and Heshvan, a month of rest, with Sukkot, the most joyous time of year known as *zman simchatenu*. As we move from this heightened period, both physically and spiritually, to a more calm and relaxed month, I have found

myself struck by the symbiotic relationship between these two ways of marking time.

This is of course what reading the Torah in a yearly cycle is all about. We come back to the beginning with new ideas, with the experience and wisdom gained from last year's trip, and discover things we have never seen before in something we are familiar with.

Autumn is without question my favorite season, and I tend to spend a lot of time outside during October and November. As a Midwesterner, I have a true appreciation for the distinction of different seasons, and while each is unique, I find there is something especially moving about fall's onset. The physical changes in the landscape, the greens turning to reds and golds, the shift in temperature and the recession of the summer's humidity are all changes I am eager to welcome after a long hot summer. More than just the comfort of the weather though, I find that the move from hot to cool brings with it a clarity that helps me reorient myself after what always seems to be a summer filled with wanderings of thought and spirit.

This year, fall has brought me back to Mt. Airy after a year away. It is, for the most part, quite familiar, but it has also included the incredible new experience of spending the *chagim* with our community at GJC. The opportunity to spend time with so many interesting and thoughtful members of our congregation has been truly inspiring to me. Most notably though, I have been moved by the ways our community feels active in my day-to-day life as it seems that just about every time I leave the house I have the pleasure of bumping in to a GJC member who brings to light something new about our little corner of the world that I have never seen before.

It is in this spirit that I hope we can all move in to this new season – aware of the changes taking place around us, comfortable in our return to the familiar, and open to all that is new.

Germantown Jewish Centre is pleased to present a new and exciting look to the Centre Call, which, as always, continues to highlight the connections we make with one another, and wonderful things we are doing in the world.

SHABBAT & HOLIDAYS

November 3 & 4

- Friday Night Kabbalat Shabbat Service & Saturday Charry Service welcomes Rabbi Idit Lev of Rabbis for Human Rights

November 10-12

Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend with Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Gordon

- Kol Zimrah
- Friday Night Shabbat Potluck & Program
- Musical Marching Minyan
- 9:30 AM Charry Memorial Shabbat Service & Portrait Dedication for Rabbi Gordon
- Charry Memorial Kiddush & Afternoon Program
- Sunday Workshop with Rabbi Gordon

November 18

- Kol D'mamah Jewish Meditation with Ari Witkin
- Shabbat Morning JAM

December 2

- BBMM Shabbat
- Charry Service: 2nd grade Siddur Ceremony

December 8-9

Stefan Presser Memorial Shabbat

- Dorshei Derekh Friday Night Dinner
- Dorshei Derekh and Charry Service: Stefan Presser Memorial Shabbat & Afternoon Program
- Parashat ha-Shavua B'Ivrit

December 13: Hanukah 2 candles

- GJC Celebrates! Hanukah

December 16: Hanukah 5 candles

- BBMM Shabbat
- Charry Service: *Mazal tov to Eden Singer, daughter of Mark Singer & Leah Lande, on becoming Bat Mitzvah*
- Kol D'mamah Jewish Chant with Nina Peskin
- Ramah ShabbaTeeny with Musical Marching Minyan

December 22

- Kol Zimrah

Kabbalat Shabbat on Fridays at 6 PM
unless otherwise noted

Shabbat Morning Services at 10 AM
unless otherwise noted

Shabbat Morning Kids Space

Kids are welcome to play Shabbat-friendly games in Room 305 - bring your own and some will be provided. Please respect the space, clean up after yourselves and put all games away after use.



MAZAL TOV!

IN CELEBRATION OF...

Sid August

on celebrating his 99th birthday on August 21st

Linda Cherkas & Chaim Dworkin

on the aufruf & marriage of their daughter Elie Dworkin and her fiancé David Kadosh

Herb Levine

on the publication of his new book "Words for Blessing the World"

Naomi Klayman

on her special birthday

Oliver Moscow

son of Dan Moscow & Sharon Strauss,
on becoming Bar Mitzvah

Akhila & William Shapiro

on the birth of their baby girl

Dan Bacine

on being honored by the Lawyers & Accountants Divisions of Philadelphia Israel Bonds

Leah & Norman Schwartz

on the birth (in Jerusalem) of their great-granddaughter, Esther Leshinsky, daughter of Chana & Shlomo Leshinsky, and granddaughter of Tanya & Raphael Schwartz

IN MEMORIAM

Bernice Adelaide Goldstein,

sister in law of Mindelle Goldstein

Cy Cohen,

husband of Rennie Cohen and longtime member of GJC

Beverly Bradburn-Stern,

stepmother of Richard Stern

Edgar Gutoff,

father of Joshua Gutoff

Mark Feinberg,

brother of Michael Feinberg and uncle of Josh and Ari Feinberg

Mitchell Berk,

husband of Beth Stearman

President's Message

by Chip Becker, GJC President



In a letter to the congregation following the High Holidays, I would expect to spend a lot of time thanking the dozens of people—both staff and members—whose work and dedication are necessary for the High Holidays to be happy and successful. Each of the last two summers, I have been slightly amazed at the sheer complexity of the production and have appreciated the sustained intensity that our staff applies all summer long to the job of getting the synagogue ready for a few short days. And then there is the High Holiday Honors Committee, led by Josh Goldblum, which organizes the seemingly countless honors—no easy task. To say nothing of all the Torah readers, Haftorah readers, shofar blowers, and more. And bear in mind that GJC is not home to only one set of High Holiday services, but three sets, each one of which involves a complete set of readers and prayer leaders. The entirety of the enterprise is truly impressive.

So that is normally what I would expect to be ruminating about on a post-High Holiday Centre Call column. But instead I want to make two different announcements. The first has to do with the High Holiday appeal. All of you already are generous with GJC simply through your dues. Yet each year, the synagogue asks you to contribute above and beyond. The synagogue is strong, but the fact of the matter is that your contributions to this annual appeal comprise nearly 10% of our annual operating budget. Let me say briefly that the Appeal has already raised over \$190,000, and I am truly grateful for the support and confidence that so many of you have displayed in the congregation. To those of you have donated thus far, I thank you. Your contributions help GJC strive for excellence as a religious institution, school, and community hub. They make it possible for the synagogue to be engaged in so many activities and to support its membership in so many different ways. To those of you have not yet participated, I hope you will do so! Your involvement will send such a positive message to fellow members, the staff, the institution as a whole, that we collectively care and are committed to this place. Last year nearly two-thirds of the congregation participated in the appeal. I hope this year we will meet or exceed that.

The second announcement—and this is what I'm really trying to get at—is that GJC recently has been the recipient of an extraordinary act of generosity. Michael Stein and Joanne Shanzer are known to many of you as children of Sid and Bunny Stein, z"l, who were long-time members of

GJC and loved by many in this community. Michael and Joanne wanted to make a gift go GJC to honor their parents. Like their parents, they believe strongly in Jewish education. They believe that all children should have the opportunity to be enriched by Jewish education regardless of their parents' financial capacity. (Michael has pursued this concern over many years through his involvement with Jack Barrack Hebrew Academy.) Based on those beliefs, Michael and Joanne have agreed to make a \$250,000 donation to GJC that will create The Sidney and Bunny Stein Religious School Scholarship Fund. This endowment fund will provide approximately \$10,000 per year to support tuition assistance for those attending GJC's religious school. As a further honor to their family, they are making this gift through the newly-created Max and Bella Stein Foundation—named for Sid's parents.

I'm sure I speak for the entire congregation when I express my deep appreciation to Michael and his wife, Jennifer, and to Joanne and her husband, Bruce, for this wonderful gesture. Your generosity means a great deal to the synagogue and to the strength of its religious school. I also appreciate that your thinking about this gift included not just a desire to honor your parents, but also an analysis of whether GJC had the institutional strength to manage a gift of this magnitude. The synagogue will strive to be an excellent steward of your trust and confidence.

I also must thank our executive director, Nina Peskin, who worked with Michael and Joanne over many months as they considered how they wanted to honor their parents' memory. In Nina, Michael and Joanne found a collaborator in fashioning a vision that was meaningful and impactful both for them and the synagogue. This gift could not have happened with Nina's attention and care. Thank you, Nina!

Some of you knew Michael and Joanne as children at this synagogue. For some your acquaintance is more recent. I hope you will take a moment to acknowledge them on this occasion of generosity and appreciation. There is no getting away from the fact that Jewish institutions like GJC are costly to operate. Michael and Joanne are making sure that Jewish experience and Jewish education is accessible to everyone. It is a tremendous and important gesture. Thank you again!

PLANNED GIVING & NER TAMID



Remembering Germantown Jewish Centre in your will, a trust, or retirement assets is a meaningful way to ensure that your commitment to our community continues to help our synagogue thrive for generations to come. For more information on how you can include GJC in your estate plans, please contact Nina Peskin at 215-844-1507 x12.

TIKKUN OLAM UPDATE

Restoring the Bonds: Creating Space for Civility in Contentious Times by George Stern

Recently Debbie and I visited an old friend in western Pennsylvania, where he was raised and to which he returned after college and work outside New York City. I was taken aback by how divergent our views were on much of what had happened in America during the past year and a half, including the images and chanting that came out of Charlottesville. I think I did a passably decent job keeping my cool and trying hard to understand his thinking without expressing judgment (I certainly didn't want to lose a friend). But my approach was by no means perfect.

That experience reinforced for me why it is so important that we figure out how to bridge the political and social chasms that last year's election widened and enflamed. GJC's Tikkun Olam Coordinating Team (TOCT) has had many conversations throughout the past year with our fellow congregants as we all tried to understand and cope with the issues that crowd our newspapers and airways and to reflect on what they mean for our GJC community and beyond. We know that we don't all think the same way. I think many of us have been struggling with how to address issues and their moral implications for us as Jews, while maintaining the shalom bayit ("peace in the house") that is so precious to us.

That's why the TOCT, with the firm support of Rabbi Zeff and GJC President Chip Becker, used the annual Bregman program on Yom Kippur as an opportunity to introduce GJC members to a civic dialogue process currently being planned for use by us and other congregations. Behind the effort are: Chris Satullo, well-known Philadelphia journalist and co-founder of the Penn Project for Civic Engagement; Rev. Sandy Strauss, Director of Advocacy and Ecumenical Outreach for the Pennsylvania Council Churches; Teman Cooke, Rev. Strauss' intern and a student at the Lancaster Theological Seminary; and yours truly. The goal is to engage congregations throughout the Commonwealth in carefully planned dialogues not unlike those that Chris has led in the past throughout the city on civic issues. As those of you who attended the discussion on Yom Kippur know, GJC is the first congregation at which the project has been shared publicly. The size of the crowd itself showed us that many people agree that the project holds important promise. Happily, reactions received since have been largely enthusiastic.

Reflecting on the divisiveness and lack of civility in current political discourse, Chris started his talk with these words: My task here on this most introspective of days is to propose a few things for you to ponder:

- That these woods we Americans find ourselves in at this moment are very dark indeed, as dark as any experienced in my lifetime.
- That to continue to trudge deeper into them would be the essence of folly and peril.
- But also ... that light still lives beyond the woods, and reaching it is not as hard or improbable as it might sometimes seem.
- That what is required to begin this journey from wilderness to light is for people of faith to summon both the willpower and the good will that I know they possess.
- And that it is our duty, as people of faith, to take on this work, to lead our confused, angry, wounded and wounding fellow Americans gently back into the light.
- And that this healing might as well begin right here, in this sanctuary, this community.

Chris told us about what he considers to have been a surprisingly successful series of dialogues between students at the University of Pennsylvania and Cairn University, the latter a conservative Christian college in Bucks County.

The plan is to bring a similar process to GJC and to at least one other local congregation, after which the congregations will come together for a joint dialogue and for planning future ways for members to understand one another and work together for common goals.

Participants will discover personal benefits as well. The techniques demonstrated in the dialogues will also be helpful in restoring connections with friends and relatives that have been frayed by what seem to be profound disagreements.

Chris shared the basic approach thus:

- Drop the models of argument and debate. Try the models of deliberation and dialogue. In argument and in debate, you seek to convert and to win, to prove you're smarter, more virtuous, more in command of the facts, more right.... In deliberative dialogue, the goal is quite different from argument or debate. It is not to convert. It is not to win. It is to understand, and in that game, both sides of the conversation can win. There need be no loser. If you leave a conversation with a better understanding of why someone who strikes you as otherwise a decent sort could hold an opinion that you really dislike, that's a win for both of you. Even more so if, if the other guy leaves the dialogue understanding the same about you.

TIKKUN OLAM UPDATE (continued)

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If that happens, your chances of being able to collaborate or compromise with that person someday, some way, about something just got much higher.

- Start with story, not with positions, arguments or labels. "Tell me a bit about yourself..." is a more productive opening bid than: "How could you vote for someone who is out to ruin America?"...
- Frame questions as invitations, not confrontations: The goal of this tip is not to skirt problematic issues [or] to exalt civility over candor. It's one thing to say: "How could you vote for such a racist?" or "such a self-serving liar?" It is another thing to say: "Just personally, I found what X did about Y kind of troubling. How did you react to that and think your way through it?"...

- Tip. No. 4: Avoid "fact wars." ...
- Tip No. 5: Admit doubt. First, to yourself. Second, to the other person....

The Tikkun Olam Coordinating Team and shul leadership believe that engagement in this process can help us bridge differences within the congregation, making it easier to talk about tough issues. In addition, this is an opportunity for GJC and other congregations to model how to restore frayed bonds and create opportunities for national healing.

Stay tuned for next steps. And if you have questions or want to help us move forward, write to me at geomstern@gmail.com.

Want to help repair the world? With just a small time commitment?

*Join your fellow congregants in hosting homeless families at GJC
from December 3rd to December 17th.*

GJC will once again be welcoming temporarily homeless families who are clients of the Interfaith Hospitality Network to sleep in our classrooms and eat dinner in the Canteen Room for two weeks, beginning Sunday afternoon, December 3 until Sunday morning, December 17.

New volunteers are needed and welcome to help move the families in and out, cook a dinner meal, serve as evening and weekend hosts, and sleep overnight in the Youth Lounge when our guests are here.

If you are a new volunteer and would like to help fulfill the mitzvah of haknasat orchim - welcoming guests to our synagogue home - contact me, Debbie Stern, GJC-IHN chair, at debstern502@msn.com or 215-848-9503.

Presser Shabbat to focus on Sanctuary City with Councilwoman Helen Gym

Minyan Dorshei Derekh will be sponsoring the 11th annual Stefan Presser Memorial Social Justice Shabbat on December 9. Stefan Presser, who died in 2005, was a beloved member of Dorshei Derekh and legal director of the Pennsylvania ACLU. Our community carries forth Stefan's legacy by offering educational programs that foster discussion on important social issues and inspire the values that Stefan held dear.

This year's program will be an opportunity to learn about Philadelphia as a Sanctuary city and how we as a community can help to support immigrants living in Philadelphia. One of our speakers will be Helen Gym, who is the first Asian American woman to serve on Philadelphia's City Council. She has been a fierce advocate for public schools and has distinguished herself as a leader who works tirelessly on behalf of vulnerable populations in our city.



The program will begin at 1:00PM, preceded by Shabbat morning services at 10:00 AM and a light kiddush lunch at 12:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.



ARI WITKIN & LIZ TRAISSON

Ari Witkin, 30, the new student rabbi at GJC and his wife, Liz Traison, 27, are no strangers to Mt. Airy. They returned here with fascinating resumes that reflect their values.

Born in Minneapolis, Ari attended Jewish Day School through 6th grade and then public school. His parents were “super Jewishly-engaged” in the Minneapolis Jewish community. “Our whole life revolved around the Jewish community,” he said.

He went to Goucher College outside of Baltimore, majoring in Religion and Peace Studies. After graduation, he served as an AmeriCorps member, engaging religious communities to support public schools and community development in 24 neighborhoods in Central Baltimore.

“I really wanted to work with religious communities in Baltimore and I was excited about it,” he explained. “It turned out to be a framework for what I did for the next two years.” He was hired to work for a partnership between the State’s Attorney’s Office, the Police Commissioner and the Archdiocese to address youth violence in Baltimore. How did it go? “Not great,” Ari answered. “The biggest problem was that it was not anyone’s top priority. I spent two years herding cats, trying to get the energy going to deal with this.”

Leaving Baltimore behind, Ari traveled to Uganda to live with the Abayudaya, a 100-year old Jewish community, for 4½ months. He then spent time in Kenya, South Africa, Zambia, Rwanda, and Tanzania.

Ari returned to Maryland and took a job at the Pearlstone Center, the Jewish Retreat and Conference Center outside Baltimore, working on their farm and developing curriculum. He created a seven-month apprenticeship for young adults and ran it his second year there. He left in January 2014, did some freelance fundraising and prepared to attend rabbinical school.

Ari had been thinking about rabbinical school since his undergraduate years, but none of the schools he visited felt right. That changed when he came to Philadelphia for the Hazon food festival. He decided to stop in at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. “I have a more traditional Jewish practice than many of my peers at RRC

but that was welcomed there, and I really felt like it was a place I could learn and grow.” he said. “I liked being pushed from a liberal perspective. Rabbi Zeff and I have a rather similar orientation in that way.”

In February of 2013 Liz, who was working for Hazon, somewhat unexcitedly went to Pearlstone for a beit midrash shabbaton. “I just wanted to have a weekend at home, but they made me go,” Liz recalls, smiling, “and then I met Ari.”

They married about two weeks before leaving for a year in Israel. Ari is in his fourth year at RRC and will graduate in May 2019. The GJC internship is the latest in a series of challenging and rewarding experiences emanating from RRC.

Liz and Ari had a honeymoon year in Israel, he said. “Liz has spent a lot of time in Israel and I hadn’t been there since I was a teenager. We connected with communities with which she already had relationships; her friends adopted us into their group. We landed and went straight to Shabbat dinner in Jerusalem.”

This year, after spending June taking a road trip in Alaska, Ari and Liz returned to Mt. Airy and settled in. Ari is studying full time in a masters program at Penn in non-profit leadership, studying part time at RRC and working part time at GJC as a part of the clergy team involved in leading services, pastoral care, and educational programming.

Liz was born in Detroit and grew up in the suburbs in a very Jewishly-engaged Conservative household. She attended Jewish day school through high school and went to Camp Ramah in Canada. In high school, she was very active with the Orthodox NCSY youth group. She continued what she calls her orthodox phase when, after high school in 2008-9, she decided to attend an Orthodox seminary in Israel, Midreshet Lindenbaum. “My parents weren’t happy that their daughter was going there, wearing skirts, becoming more observant than they were,” she said.

Liz returned to the U.S. and attended one year at the University of Michigan. She returned to Israel for a year and studied at Hebrew University’s International School. She didn’t take to it, and began taking classes at the main university. She then started doing organic farming.

She returned to Michigan, majored in History and Jewish Studies, and finished college in three years. She got a job at Hazon, a Jewish environmental organization, and moved to New York. “I went around the country doing

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT (continued)

food and nutrition work, writing curricula, and teaching classes."

She stayed three years. "In 2014, I knew I was going to move to Philadelphia and I wanted to take some time off to figure out my next step. During the next 6 months, I went to Ethiopia and back home, and nannied for two friends." After moving to Philadelphia in May 2015, she began working at Einstein Hospital for a program called A Better Start, and remained there for 1½ years. "I taught nutrition in underserved public schools, and in food pantries. I'd teach people how to cook if they don't have electricity, a fridge, if they only have a hotplate. What can you make? A can of beans, a can of corn and tomatoes. Use that to make a salsa, or the base of a stew or salad, so you can get extra nutrition."

Ari's and Liz's wedding in Detroit reflected their values. "We didn't serve any meat, and made a point to have sunflowers which are the symbol of the nuclear disarmament movement. Also, the caterer served the kimchi I made at home," Liz said. "The food for the night before the wedding was prepared by a woman who operates a food truck that uses only produce from Detroit urban gardens."

In Israel, while Ari was engaged in his studies, Liz had a Dorot Fellowship, a leadership program for Jewish North

American leaders. "I worked for a pretty well known chef, Ezra Kedem. In addition to cooking, I worked as the farm manager and taught cooking at the Kol Yisrael Haverim School in Jerusalem to deaf Arab and Israeli students. I spoke Hebrew to the translators who would sign in Arabic."

Liz is now studying to be a registered dietician, and is working towards a masters degree in nutrition education at Immaculata University. "I see myself as a bridge between the integrative and holistic nutrition world and the more standard nutritional approach found in the U.S. Ready-to-eat food has take people out of the kitchen. I want to bring people back into the kitchen, even if the kitchen is just a hotplate. ("We only had a hotplate in Israel and we made amazing meals on it," Ari commented.)

Ari is happy to be involved with GJC community. "I love that GJC is a community with so many engaged and knowledgeable people. I feel that as much as I have to teach here, there is even more that I can learn," he said. "I love that we are able to do the real work of building community and holding space for different varieties of authentic Jewish expression. It's obvious from when you first walk in the door that it is a special place."

NEWS FROM THE MEN'S CLUB by Dick Menin



Do all men think and behave alike? Depends whom you ask. I think there are a lot of differences between people but I also believe that there are trends and themes. These may be at a core and influence some behavior. This spring Dr. Rob Garfield, an authored expert on men's relationships will help explore the subtleties of our interactions.



There's a lot to do before then: Our next JRA food preparation and distribution is on November 12.

December 3 and 10 will be the days the Hanukiyah will once again be raised on the front lawn. I hope to see you then. We start at 9 AM on the lawn in front of the sanctuary entrance. Hanukah starts on December 13 and we'll need people to get candle sponsorships and support the lightings.



On Sunday January 7 we'll be hosting a program entitled "The Israeli-Palestinian Conflict: Hearing Multiple Perspectives." This will be a discussion between local ZOA and J-Street folks and will be orchestrated to deliver light without heat, I hope. This is, like all Men's Club events, open to all.

Please mark your calendars.

WOMEN OF GJC

by Sandy Meyer and Vilma Lieberman

Women's Club has changed our name to Women of GJC. We believe that our name change will help congregants view our group and our mission as more inclusive and contemporary. During the past few years, we have been attempting to build relationships with more women throughout the synagogue who may not have been involved with our activities and events. We feel this process has brought us success, and we view it as ongoing.

We have many places around the synagogue that identify us as Women's Club of GJC. They represent our 70-plus year history as a group of women who have provided many services to the GJC community. Our mission has always been one of promoting the welfare of the synagogue and its congregants through organizing, sponsoring and funding programs, projects and services that benefit everyone at GJC. Many plaques around the synagogue including the outside benches, the Torah covers and many, many more additions to GJC have the name Women's Club of GJC. These will not change. We hope that our new name will be forever entwined with our legacy to GJC as Women of GJC continues to evolve within our tradition of service to GJC.

Our Building Beautiful campaign of refurbishing the playground is moving along well. The Early Childhood parents are actively involved in planning for the playground as well as fundraising. The playground will, as a result, become even more fun and dynamic! Our entire GJC community benefits from this project. It is never too late to support this effort with a contribution. Some of the improvements include:

- A Fire Truck play structure & a Mud Kitchen
- A new Hand Rail from top to bottom of playground hill
- Other small improvements such as rebuilding the box around the tree in the middle of the playground area
- Creation of new "Tot Lot" playground, behind the existing playground, that will include its own playhouse,

sandbox, and small climbing structure

Our Welcome Back event in October, featuring Shai Ben-Yaacov, was well attended and informative. Shai, a GJC member and producer of WHYY's Newsworks Tonight, brought us up to date on the important players and issues in local and regional politics.

Sunday, December 3rd at 11 AM is our next program with a presentation on gerrymandering (fair partitioning of voting districts) which is a very timely topic as the United States Supreme Court and Pennsylvania and other states get ready to rule on whether to address this constitutional issue. Representatives from Fair Districts PA will explain the redistricting process and its impact on social policy in Pennsylvania and nationally. They will demonstrate how the current process undermines democracy, suggest a solution, and offer ideas on how all citizens can support and encourage change. Fair Districts PA is a non-partisan coalition of citizens and organizations seeking to reform Pennsylvania redistricting rules by taking the process out of the hands of party leaders and putting that process into the hands of an impartial, transparent, and accountable citizens' commission.



Torah Fund pins are available; contact Marcy Fish mshgna330@gmail.com. This year's theme, Mah tov, ("how good!") is a phrase that originates in the Torah. It is a spontaneous exclamation of appreciation and joy. This year's honoree is Peninah Berdugo, whom we very much appreciate for all her dedication and work for Women of GJC. Mark your calendar for May 6th Torah Fund Brunch.

We hope you will join us for our upcoming programs. Speaking of joining, if you wish to join Women of GJC as a dues paying member, please fill out the attached form below.

Please send your check payable to Women's Club of GJC for \$45.00 to:

Addie Lewis Klein - Dues, Women's Club of GJC, 400 W. Ellet Street, Phila., PA 19119

Or PayPal (\$46.65) accepted on the GJC website: Connect> Women's Club> Strength Through Women's Club
(add your name/contact info when using PayPal)

Name: _____

Email: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____

Over 90 years of age? No payment required.

New GJC member as of June 2017, membership is complimentary for one year.

NEWS FROM HAZAK (55+ programming)

by Helen Feinberg & Coleman Poses (HAZAK co-chairs)

L'Shanah tovah to all! HAZAK's program year began, semi officially, in August with Sam Feinberg's annual presentation of "Opera Under the Stars." (Now held indoors for technical reasons.) The event was well-attended, as always, and we had the opportunity to see old friends and meet new people.

Our first fall program will be on Wednesday, November 1st, when we will be showing "Waltz with Bashir," a graphic/comic film about Israel and Lebanon; Ken Weiss will lead our discussion after the film. If you've participated in a film discussion with Ken before, you know this is not-to-be missed.

Next, on Sunday morning, November 19, at 10:00 AM, Herb Levine will present and discuss his new book of poetry, WORDS FOR BLESSING THE WORLD, published by Ben Yehuda Press. Minyan Masorti and Men's Club are co-sponsoring this event. Books (autographed, of course!) will be available for purchase.

Our monthly book group meets the second Wednesday of each month (including summer months) at 10:00 am. Our choice for October was "Startup Nation" by Dan Senor and Saul Singer. On November 8 we will be discussing "Hillbilly Elegy" by J.D. Vance. The book for December 13 will be

DID YOU KNOW?

HAZAK programs are planned for those age 55+, and are geared to both reflect common interests and get us to "stretch" to try new activities as well. Our well-attended book group meets monthly all year long. HAZAK also sponsors book talks by local authors, as well as speakers on topics of particular importance to our interests. We host Sam Feinberg each August to discuss opera, and we show great films! We also take day trips to cultural and natural sites in the area, often to places members have never been. HAZAK is for all of us to stay connected to GJC and to each other: to venture out and experience parts of our city we haven't seen before, to read, learn and talk together, to keep us strong. We hope you will join us. Membership is \$10/year.

selected at the October 11 meeting, and will be listed on the GJC website soon thereafter.

Also, in mid-December, HAZAK will be taking a trip to the Fabric Museum and Workshop at 11th and Arch Streets. Please check the GJC website and your email for more details in November!!

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Special Discounts

- November-10% off Candlesticks
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GJC's EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM (ECP)

by Jodi Gordon

The ECP has been bustling with creative energy with many opportunities for the children to explore and discover. Using a multi-sensory approach, the children have been exploring the Autumn season by painting with fall colors, taking walks outside, and taste testing different fruits from the around the world that grow on trees. Some of the favorite fruits were Asian pears and figs.

The ECP has also been enjoying our Monday morning Havdalah led by our very own Dubonim teacher Anna Goldberg. The entire school looks forward to this weekly ritual when we all come together to sing together and welcome a new week and say goodbye to Shabbat. It is truly a special time.

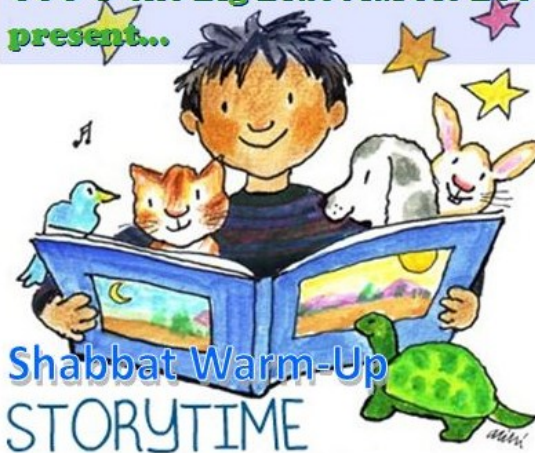
I am excited to announce the ECP has achieved our first STAR as part of the Keystone STARS program! Keystone STARS is a program of Pennsylvania Office of Child Development and Early Learning. Keystone STARS is a responsive system to improve, support, and recognize the continuous quality improvement efforts of early learning programs in Pennsylvania. As a Keystone STAR "1" School we have demonstrated our program's commitment to continuous quality improvement for the children and community we serve.



DID YOU KNOW?

ECP is a special place for young children from 6 months of age through 5 years of age and for their families. Through the lens of Jewish culture and tradition, our children learn about themselves, and the world around them in a program which emphasizes learning through doing. The Early Childhood Program nurtures and respects individuality, while encouraging the children to develop a sense of community and friendship. The preschool follows the yearly cycle of the Jewish holidays. Jewish culture, traditions, and values are woven into our curriculum. Through Mitzvot (commandments), Tzedakah (charity) and Tikkun Olam (repairing the world), the children learn to respect themselves, others and the world they live in. We are committed to teaching and promoting respect and understanding of all persons. GJC's Early Childhood Program is open to all!

GJC & the Big Blue Marble Bookstore present...



Friday Mornings:

Oct 20th Nov 17th
Dec 15th
(with special Hanukkah goodies)
Jan 19th Feb 23rd
March 23rd
(Passover themed)
April 13th May 18th

Join Rabbi Alanna for a pre-Shabbat story, singing, and an engaging kid-craft.

Perfect for iKids and their grown-ups, ages 5 and under - All families are welcome!



Germantown Jewish Centre
A community of communities

PINAT HA-HINUCH
EDUCATION CORNER
by Rabbi Alanna Sklover

A Snapshot of Yom Kippur 5778

It is 6:15 PM on Yom Kippur evening. Throughout the GJC building, rooms pulse with the sounds of song and prayer. The time has come for Neilah, the concluding service, which our tradition teaches is the most sacred of the five services that make up our Yom Kippur worship. This year, like each year, during Neilah, I find myself in a different kind of setting. As the daveners raise their voices in the haunting and hopeful melodies of the service, I am on the playground with 10-15 children who are running, and playing and sliding down the slide in a way that looks like any other day. To the untrained eye, this group looks like any other group of children playing on a playground – children who at this holy time, on this holy day are disconnected from the spiritual moment that their parents and the adult members of their community are tapping into. But, as the sun begins to set, everything changes.

"Rabbi Alanna?" a young girl asks, "the sky looks like it might be time. Is it time yet?" "Yes," I reply. "I think it is." And with that, I begin singing the niggun (wordless melody) often used for p'tach lanu sha'ar (open the gates for us), a central piece of the Neilah liturgy. The children stop what they are doing and gather, as they have been expecting to do, on the tires on the sloping hill beside the playground. In a circle, we sing, I tell stories, and children share prayers and reflections for the end of Yom Kippur. We raise our own voices in the haunting and hopeful melody of Ashamnu (a piece of the viddui, confessional, prayer) and now the playground pulses with the sounds of song and prayer.

At 7:15 PM, the sky is becoming quite dark and it is nearly time for the stars to begin to show. We leave the playground and make our way indoors to join the rest of the GJC community for the final blast of the shofar that will end this holiest of days. The children join Rabbi Zeff and the leadership of the community on the bimah for Shofar and for the blessings of Havdallah. In that moment at the very end of Yom Kippur, as I look at the intergenerational picture on the Bimah, adults and children arm-in-arm singing and swaying together, that I am especially proud of the community we are building at Germantown Jewish Centre.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Sarah Kolker & Robert Sprinkle
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Mindi Snoparsky & James Lammendola
Joanne & Bruce Shanzer
Michael & Jennifer Stein
Samuel Krasnow & Allison Hoffman
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TODAH RABBAH

"The humblest of stones has become the chief cornerstone." [*Rosh Pinah*] (Psalm 118:22)

GJC expresses its deep gratitude for the generous support of its congregants who have chosen the Rosh Pinah (Cornerstone) level of membership. Their contribution provides crucial support, enabling us to serve the entire GJC community. We cannot adequately thank the following members for their commitment to Germantown Jewish Centre:

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HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL

TODAH RABBAH!

Todah rabbah to everyone who generously gave to the High Holiday Appeal! Below is a list of gift dedications, representing the many ways each of us connects to Judaism and to this beautiful community. If you have not yet but would like to contribute, please contact the office! We will list your name and dedication in the next issue of the Centre Call!

Adina Abramowitz & Naomi Klayman, in honor of the Dorshei Derekh community for all their support and concern for them and for their family this year

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Craig Barkan & Amy Schrager, in memory of Craig's grandmother, Libby Barkan

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Michael & Frances Baylson, in honor of Chip Becker

Lonnie Beer, in honor of Rabbi Zeff's leadership

Michael Beer, in honor of the GJC staff

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Lizanne Berger, in memory of Eric Berger, Joan Marcus Berger, and Mildred & Myers Marcus

Michael Blackman, in memory of Uncle Norman Duffy

Josh Bolton & Natalie Lyalin, in honor of the ECP teachers and staff, for their care and dedication to kind and excellent work

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Lawrence & Ellyn Charap, in memory of Stanley Charap, Jess Novick, and Monte Specker

Steve & Linda Corsover, in honor of Rabbi Zeff and Nina Peskin for the wonderful music they have brought to GJC

Nan Daniels, in honor of her grandchildren, Tessa and Ian

Vinny DiLorenzo & Andi Brockman, in memory of their mothers and fathers

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Mindelle Goldstein, in honor of Rabbi Zeff and the entire wonderful GJC staff

Jim Goodman

Corri Gottesman, in blessed memory of Rina Chana Goldberg, niece

Allan & Jane Greenspan, in honor of Rabbi Zeff

David Hahn & Barbara Weiss

Ted & Betsy Hershberg, in celebration of the birth of their granddaughter, Rosie Jane Hershberg

Mitch Hirsch & Sylvia Lifschitz, in honor of the upcoming wedding of Josh Hirsch & Stacey Snyder

Andrea Jacobs, in honor of community and friends, old and new, found at GJC

Tamar Jacobson, in memory of her mother, Beryl Kate Lieberman, who died earlier this year just one week short of her 100th birthday

Don & Harriet Joseph, in honor of GJC and Dorshei Derekh for the community and the joy they have brought them

David Zvi & Yael Kalman, in memory of Yael's father, Rabbi Marvin Richardson

J. Daniel Kanofsky & Deborah R. Liss, in memory of their parents, Philip & Mollie Edelstein Kanofsky and Aaron A. & Phyllis Pullman Liss

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Neil Kitrosser & Diane Ajl, in memory of their beloved parents, Adele & Samuel Ajl and Beatrice & Benjamin Kitrosser

Nilmini Klur, in honor of GJC and the rabbis who have stood by her during incredibly difficult times

Isador & Myra Kranzel, in honor of the marriage of Maxine Margolies and Alan Soffin

Ned Kripke & Karen Schiller Kripke, in honor of their grandson, Jordan Jacob Kripke

Peter & Peshe Kuriloff, in memory of all their parents, may they rest in peace: Manny, Gay, Ruth, George, Arthur and Freddy

HIGH HOLIDAY APPEAL (continued)

Judah Labovitz & Ellen Ufberg, in honor of the birth of Olivia Pearl Webb, Ellen's new granddaughter
Ed & Dena Lake, in honor of their granddaughter, Clara
Howard Langer & Barbara Jaffe
Greg Lattanzi & Haviva Goldman, in honor of Rabbi Zeff, Rabbi Sklover, and the Religious School and ECP staff who helped Denis get to his Bar Mitzvah
Pesha Leichter, in honor of the amazing GJC staff who are so capable and giving
Doug Lerner & Ken Cohen
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Joan Silver, in honor of her dear longtime friends at GJC who have meant so much to her
Michael & Shelley Spear, in honor of the Torah readers, D'verei Torah givers, davening leaders, and staff, for making the High Holidays so meaningful
Howard Spodek, in memory of his parents and brother
George & Debbie Stern, to a year of good health
Donna Tartasky
Howard & Ronit Treatman, in celebration of this wonderful community
Rivkah Walton, in memory of "Grandma Fla" and "Grandpa Dave" (David & Florence Horn)
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Bob Zimring

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High Holidays 5778 in Minyan Masorti - Todah Rabbah!

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WE ARE ALL EARS (or “Lipstick on My Shofar”)

by Susan Weiss

Many stories in the Torah—and in life—help us to step off our comfortable, well-worn path to experience and awaken our senses. It provides an opportunity to hear and see things with new eyes. I want to take this time to share with you what being one of your Ba'alat Tekiyah meant to me and to thank you all.

Three years ago I took on the challenge to learn to blow the shofar. Albert and Peninah Berdugo gifted the beautiful shofar to me. Phil Goldberg encouraged and tutored me for weeks through the calls and provided technical tips on the mechanics of the shofar blasts. The past two years, he blew shofar with me, through the month of Elul during morning minyan. I read and studied on my own and met with Rabbi Sklover for additional study. I wanted to be more than a horn blower and to bring kavanah to the experience. My husband and neighbors have put up with my morning and evening practice. Dick Menin cut and reformed the mouth section of my shofar. Chuck and Martha Schleifer provided time and space at their home so I could meet with Chuck's trombone teacher for additional skill. I am very appreciative of their kindness and support. It was all of you that made it so moving. Who knew it takes a community to make a Balat Tekiyah.?

My shofar blowing wasn't perfect. I swear it had been perfect while standing in my pajamas each morning for practice. But standing on the bimah, knowing I had a responsibility to our community to sound the alarm, I was nervous and my mouth dry (not good for a horn player). “If

the Shofar is blown in the city, will the people not tremble?” (Amos 3:6) This “people” was trembling.

I was surprised to learn that there is no blessing for the shofar blower to recite, but that we all say the blessing for the mitzvah of hearing the shofar. Playing the shofar is not the mitzvah but hearing it is the blessing. I spent a lot of time studying this piece of the ritual. Oy, more pressure!

In years past, I would listen to the sound of the shofar with my ears as the blessing calls us to do. This year I heard the shofar with my heart and soul. It was the alarm, the wake-up call. It had the sound of the cries of those who suffer and those of women in labor. It tugged at the heart as Sarah and Hagar feared for their children. I did not simply sound the shofar, I heard it with you with our collective ears and senses as a shared expression of our community.

Thank you to all for again providing me this opportunity and bringing such meaning and joy to my Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. I will be practicing next summer and hope to hear the call again with you next year. May this year be filled with joy and happiness for you and all loved ones.

PS: The best part was leaving the bimah to be met by young girls who took my hand and said, “That was good!” Hearing from parents that their children are practicing to sound the shofar. My seven-year-old twin granddaughters, who now want to be Ba'alot Tekiyah. I can't wait for all to join us make a joyful sound.

High Holidays 5778 in Dorshei Derekh Todah Rabbah!

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High Holidays 5778 in Kol D'mamah - Todah Rabbah!

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High Holidays 5778 in the Charry Service - Todah Rabbah!

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PEOPLE OF THE BOOK

November 14
Karolina's Twins
by Ronald Balson

December 12
The Seven Good Years
by Etgar Keret

January 9
The Family Orchard
by Nomi Eve

February 13
In the Darkroom
by Susan Faludi

Tuesdays at 7:15 PM
in the Quitman Library

ISRAELI DANCING

Sundays at 10:00 AM:
Nov 5, 12 & 19, Dec 3, 10 & 17

Taught by our wonderful, experienced dance teacher, Grant Shulman, GJC's Israeli dance group welcomes dancers of all ages and levels. We begin each session with 45 minutes of beginner dances, followed by instruction, review, open dancing and requests with increasing levels of difficulty. GJC's dance group is proud to be friendly and inclusive.

For more information, please
contact Tamar Magdovitz at
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SELF-CARE & HEALING WORKSHOPS

REG: www.germantownjewishcentre.org/jewish-connections-workshops

Drumming from the Heart: Women's Drumming Circle

with Maureen "Moe" Jerant

Sunday, November 5 at 11 AM

Join drummer Moe Jerant as she introduces you to the fun, joy and healing power of the drum and drum circles. Be part of a unique, one of a kind energetic creation. Drum circles are a safe, fun and transformative space to let loose, reduce stress and access your inner power. Bring an open mind, a willing spirit and some creative energy. No previous drumming experience is necessary. A brief drum lesson will start the session. Drums provided! \$25 GJC member/\$30 non-member



Aging Well by Moving Smartly Women's Drumming Circle

with Patty Segal, GJC member & Golden Ager

Wednesday, December 6 at 10 AM, \$5

This workshop will guide you through some gentle spinal motions and "core" engaging exercises that you can also do in your home. During this workshop we will engage in both seated and standing exercises to assist you in moving with mindful intention while at the same time building strength when practiced on a regular basis. Participants will receive a handout outlining the exercises covered in class to assist in their home program. *GJC thanks Patty Segal for generously donating her time and expertise to offer this class at a reduced price.*



UPCOMING CLASSES

REG: www.germantownjewishcentre.org/jewish-connections-classes

The Four Tribes of Modern Israel

with Ari Witkin, GJC Rabbinic Intern

Tuesdays at 7:30 PM, November 7, 21, 28 & December 5

Based on President Rubin Rivlin's description of Israel's four tribes, this five-part series will explore Israeli society and culture through the experience of each of these groups. At each session we will learn about the culture, politics, and experience these sectors of society: Haredim (Ultra Orthodox), Dati Leumi (religious-zionist), Chilonim (secular), and Arab.

\$80 GJC members/\$95 non-members

Israel Programming: The Balfour Declaration

with Dr. Reena Friedman & Rabbi Robert Tabak

Sundays at 10:00 AM, December 3 & 10

Session 1: The Balfour Declaration & American Jews: Reaction & Responses

Session 2: The Balfour Declaration in Philadelphia: Hope & Rejection

November 2 will mark the 100th anniversary of Britain's Balfour Declaration, which marked a key turning point in modern Jewish history. This two-part series will explore American Jews' responses, with a particular focus on reaction in the Philadelphia Jewish community. Through primary source documents and photos of the time, we will capture the drama of this historical moment, and discuss its contemporary significance. \$40 GJC members/\$55 non-members

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Dance Party

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**SUNDAY,
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6 PM Latke Dinner & Concert (& Dancing!):

\$36.00, children (12 & under) \$10.00

advanced registration & payment necessary by Tuesday, December 19

7 PM Concert (& Dancing!) Only:

Advanced purchase tickets: \$18.00 / Pay at door: \$20.00 / Children 12 & under are free

advanced tickets can be purchased online until Friday, December 22

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LOTS FOR TOTS at GJC

SING • DANCE • LAUGH • LEARN • Explore and connect with other families.

Kol Zimrah Musical Service	Friday, November 10, 2017 (6:00 PM)
Shabbat WarmUp Storytime @ Big Blue Marble	Friday, November 17, 2017 (10:30 AM)
Shabbat Morning JAM	Saturday, November 18, 2017 (10:00 AM)
Shabbat WarmUp Storytime @ Big Blue Marble	Friday, December 15, 2017 (10:30 AM)

Spotlight on Shabbat Morning JAM!

Friday, November 18 at 11:00 AM

Join Rabbi Adam and a special guest movement leader as the story of Parashat Toldot comes alive in an interactive exploration of accepting the differences in each other. Connect with other families in the community around the table during a delicious, tot-friendly kiddush and light lunch. Please RSVP by Tuesday, Nov. 14.

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Kol Zimrah Musical Service	Friday, December 22, 2017 (6:00 PM)
Musical Marching Minyan (0-preK)	November 11 & December 16 (11:00 AM)
Ginat Shabbat (through age 7)	Saturdays, 11:00 AM (10AM on 11-11 & 12-16)
Shabbat Childcare (ages 2-5)	Saturdays, 10:00 AM-12:00 PM



WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2017

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**JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED NIGHT OF
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- Latke Dinner (6:00 PM, adv. reg.), Dreidel-off and Games
- Hanukiyah Candle Lighting & Singing with the GJC Choir
- Hot Cocoa & Sufganiyot (jelly donuts)
- and more! Look for details on our website, Facebook & flyers.

ECP potluck & class events begin at 5:30 PM. ECP families are welcome to join in Candle Lighting & Dessert!

Dinner is \$7 per person (*children 2 & under are free*)

Register & pay online by Friday, December 8:

www.germantownjewishcentre.org/latke-dinner-2017

or contact Kate Lawn at program@germantownjewishcentre.org or 215-844-1507 X19 and mail your check payable to Germantown Jewish Centre. Please note "latke dinner" in the memo section.



Help Germantown Jewish Centre Light the Dancing Children Hanukiyah! 2017 Men's Club Fundraiser

Please join Men's Club by sponsoring a candle in honor or memory of someone special in your life. Each night at the lighting the names of those honored or remembered will be read. Lightings are at 7:00 PM, Dec. 12-14 & 16-19 and on Fri. Dec. 15 at 4:00 PM. To sponsor a candle, please complete the form below and send a check to GJC for \$36 per candle made payable to the GJC Men's Club.

2017 Hanukiyah Fundraiser

Name: _____ Phone#: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

In honor/memory of (please specify for each): _____

Name(s) and address(es) of people to notify: _____

Preferred Night to Sponsor (Please circle): December 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19

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The Jewish-Muslim-Christian Interfaith Encounter: from Text Study to Co-Existence

32nd Annual Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend



NOVEMBER 10 - 12, 2017

Germantown Jewish Centre is pleased to welcome

Rabbi Emeritus Leonard Gordon

How can religious leaders play a role in peace building between Israelis and Palestinians? Can shared text study be a meaningful part of that process? Our weekend together will look at a wide range of sacred scriptures with a special emphasis on texts from the Qur'an.

FRIDAY NIGHT, NOVEMBER 10

Please join us for Kol Zimrah, our musical Friday night service, before the program at 6:00 PM.

7:15 PM Shabbat Potluck & Program: A Jewish Reading of Sura 1 of the Qur'an

The first Sura (chapter) of the Qur'an is short and it contains terms and ideas familiar to us from the High Holiday liturgy and the Bible. How might these verses bridge our traditions?

REGISTER FOR THE POTLUCK ONLINE:
www.germantownjewishcentre.org/Charry-Weekend-Potluck-2017

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

10 AM Comparing Halakhah & Sharia Law: A New Frontier of Jewish-Muslim Relations

Rabbinic Judaism and Islam are both traditions rooted in law and legal philosophy. Join us for an opportunity to examine passages comparing and contrasting rules governing food, the family, and religious life.

REGISTER ONLINE:
www.germantownjewishcentre.org/Charry-Weekend-Sunday-Workshop-2017
\$18, scholarships available upon request

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11

9:30 AM Charry Memorial Shabbat Service & Portrait Dedication for Rabbi Gordon

Please join us for a special service in which we will dedicate a portrait of Rabbi Gordon. GJC is deeply grateful to Rick and Eileen Bazelon for donating this portrait. Rabbi Gordon's work was crucial in shaping the synagogue community we have today. He designed communal processes that helped make GJC a "community of communities," where multiple minyanim flourish, share governance, care for one another, and are united in learning and pursuing social justice. We are grateful to be able to honor him.

11:30 AM D'var Torah - Rules for Rulers: The Queen of Sheba as Model Monarch

The story of King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba continued to resonate for Jews and Muslims over a thousand years after their fateful encounter. How does the account of the Queen's visit differ in the two traditions, and what does that teach us about gender roles and political leadership?

All are invited to kiddush following the service. Childcare and children's supervision (6+) will be offered through the program.

1:30 PM Program - Children of Sarah and Hagar: Recovering our Embattled Foremothers for Contemporary Dialogue

When we speak of "Abrahamic" traditions we trace Judaism, Christianity, and Islam to a common ancestor about whom we tell very different stories. Might we instead think of ourselves as descendants of Sarah and Hagar? What might emerge from such a change in perspective?



Rabbi Elias Charry Memorial Weekend is made possible by the Julius & Ray Charlestein Foundation and an endowment established in memory of Fannie, Samuel & Arthur Weiss. Germantown Jewish Centre extends thanks and gratitude to the Wolfe Family Foundation for their generous support in all GJC programming.

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